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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE GROUP 1616

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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: EXAMINER: HARTLEY

SERIAL NO: 09/445,439

: GROUP ART UNIT: 1616

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FOR: DRUG TARGETING SYSTEM,
METHOD OF ITS PREPARATION
AND ITS USE

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action of May 2, 2001, on the above-identified application, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 41-87 without prejudice and insert therefor the following new claims:

88. (New) A drug targeting system for administration to a mammal, comprising:
a) nanoparticles made of a polymeric material, said nanoparticles being free of a surfactant surface coating and comprising said polymeric material, one or more physiologically effective substances to be delivered to said mammal, and one or more stabilizers for said nanoparticles for effecting targeting of said one or more physiologically